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SUBJECT: CALL BY KEWAL SINGH ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

SUMMARY: KEWAL SINGH HAD FRIENDLY HOUR LONG DISCUSSION
OCTOBER 28 WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB. BOTH AGREED THAT
BASIS NOW EXISTED FOR BETTER INDO-U.S. RELATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

1. ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, KEWAL SINGH STRESSED THAT HE
HOPED WE COULD DEVELOP STYLE THAT STRESSED POINTS OF AGREE-
MENT IN PUBLIC WHILE SORTING OUT DISAGREEMENTS IN PRIVATE.
HABIB AGREED THAT THIS WAS DESIRABLE, BUT NOTED IT NOT
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ALWAYS POSSIBLE WHEN MAJOR ISSUES WERE INVOLVED. HABIB

COMMENTED THAT INDIANS WERE FACED WITH PROBLEM WITH U.S. PRESS AND CONGRESS BUT THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO ADD TO GOI'S DIFFICULTIES. KEWAL SINGH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG RESTRAINT IN OFFICIAL COMMENTS AND ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT INDIAN IMAGE IN U.S. WAS IMPROVING SOMEWHAT.

2. ON SOUTH ASIA, KEWAL SINGH GAVE HABIB DETAILED RUNDOWN OF INDIA'S VIEW OF FARAKKA PROBLEM, CLAIMING GOI WANTED MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. HABIB SAID THAT WE TOO HOPED INDIA AND BANGLADESH COULD RESOLVE ISSUE BUT INDICATED

THAT WE WERE NOT GOING TO BECOME ENGAGED IN TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS EQUITABLE DIVISION OF GANGES WATER.

3. KEWAL SINGH ALSO REVIEWED IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND REFERRED BRIEFLY TO U.S. ARMS SALES. HABIB SAID WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE MAKING SALES BUT THAT OUR ACTIONS WOULD NOT UPSET BALANCE OF POWER IN REGION AS SECRETARY HAD TOLD CHAVAN.

4. KEWAL SINGH NOTED RECENT VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER GANDHI TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT WAS GOI IMPRESSION THAT AFRICAN LEADERS WERE PREPARED TO ADOPT CONSTRUCTIVE AND FLEXIBLE APPROACH ON RHODESIA QUESTION. INDIA WAS HAPPY THAT SERIOUS DIALOGUE HAD STARTED AND FELT IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF THE EFFORT FAILED. HABIB COMMENTED THAT FRAMEWORK FOR RHODESIA SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. SUCCESS DEPENDED ON REASONABLENESS OF PARTICIPANTS AT GENEVA CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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